Good News

Mk.1:14 The Gospel of God.

INTRO. Change of theme.
Reflections on the word, Gospel.
Used frequently thruout the N.T.

Smooth rocks. Glacial action. rolling of tones together by the waves of ocean. Words and ideas often become so smooth by us usage that they slip thru our minds without making a single scratch. "Gospel" is one of them.

I told you not long ago that it meant "good news".

Richfield reporter,s good nws item. Just what this torn world wants is good nws.

Well, what is this good news od God all about? It tells us much about God, but I am more particularly interested this a.m. in what it reveals about man.

1. The first item of good news- there is deep in man that which is exceedingly fine.

Christ not blind to what is in man. "Out of the heart proceed evil thots, murders, adulteries, fornications, thefts, false witness, etc.

Beneath man's evil propensities there is a good that is priceless in value.

Of a ertain one Jesus relates that when he came to himself he said, I will arise and go t to my father.

Of himself, right at the end of his life, said, "I, if I be lifted up, shall draw all men unto me."

Jesus knew what was in man. He knew that men would respond to such an love as was his to offer

The deepest thing in man is not evil, but good.

2. Every man can change himself-good news!
Many declare that human nature is the same the world over and thruout the ages, and cannot be changed.
According to this Good news of God, such a conception of human nature is all monsense. Jesus declared that human nature was the very thing that had to be changed. "Ye must be born again." Repentance means turn about and face the other way, and signifies a change of mind, of heart, of conduct. Two Russian Duma agents of Baptists

3. Man can conquer all enemies. He can becmme voctor over all environmental and hereditary influences.
To be sure, environment is a powerful influence, but we need not allow it to be the seal of our fate.

4. ~~The~~ Nothing can hurt a man but himself.

5. Death does not take away anything that is worth keeping. Good news!
Death is only an incident of life, opening a door that gives to the soul expansion of being and power on still higher levels.

O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory? Thanks be unto God who giveth us the voctory thru our Lord Jesus Christ.